

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: SENV, CA  
SUBJECT: BEAUFORT SEA DRILLING - KAGLULIK INCIDENT

REF: STATE 191144

1. EMBOFF JULY 31 CONVEYED POINTS CONTAINED REFTTEL TO JOHN SHARP, DIRECTOR US TRANSBOUNDARY RELATIONS DIVISION, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. NEED FOR RE-EXAMINATION OF DRILLING SEASON EXTENSION IN LIGHT KAGLULIK BLOW-OUT, AND U.S. CONCERNS RE: BEAUFORT SEA DRILLING ENVIRONMENTAL REGIME WERE EMPHASIZED.

2. SHARP SAID GOC SHARED U.S. CONCERNS OVER THE KAGLULIK INCIDENT BUT THAT ANY DECISION REGARDING POSSIBLE CHANGES IN EITHER THE ENVIRONMENTAL REGIME OR LENGTH OF SEASON WOULD HAVE TO WAIT RECEIPT AND EVALUATION OF DINA REPORT (EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED LATE IN WEEK ENDING AUGUST 11). SHARP SAID GOC WOULD RESPOND TO U.S. POINTS AT THAT TIME. EMBOFF WAS PROVIDED WITH COPY OF FOLLOWING DINA SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON KAGLULIK BLOWOUT:

BEGIN TEXT. JULY 28, 1978, SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON BEAUFORT SEA DRILLING - 1978.

EXPLORER III - KAGLULIK A-75 D.A. #882

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-- SHIP WAS PUSHED OFF LOCATION ON JULY 20/21 BY A SOLID ICE FLOW 3X5 MILES AND 4 FEET THICK.

-- ON JULY 26 THE SHIP WAS MOORED BACK ON LOCATION.

--DIVERS HAVE LOCATED THE BOP STACK INTACT AND ON THE

WELLHEAD BUT LEANING AT 45 DEGREE.

--VISIBILITY POOR AND DIVERS UNABLE TO ASSESS ANY DAMAGE TO STACK.

--DIVERS FOUND A WATER FLOW COMING FROM THE SEABED AT A DISTANCE OF 10 FEET FROM THE WELLHEAD (IMPLICATION IS THAT FLOW IS COMING UP OUTSIDE THE CASING).

--CANMAR'S PLAN IS TO RETRIEVE BOP STACK, RUN A NEW MARINE RISER AND A NEW BOP STACK, RE-ENTER THE WELL AND CEMENT THE WATER ZONE, AS HAS BEEN DONE PREVIOUSLY. END OF TEXT.  
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